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LATEST TELEGRAMS

MINING RIOT.

Twenty-two miners killed and many
injured.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 11.—A terrible
affray occurred near Hazleton, in
Pennsylvania, last night. A large
number of miners on strike, mostly
Hungarians, were engaged in per-
suading non-unionists at the Latimer
Mines to quit their work and join
the strikers. The sheriff, who was
present, sought to protect the work-
ers from further annoyance, and both
him and his deputies were im-
mediately attacked by the strikers.
The sheriff's party opened fire upon
the miners, delivering 2 volleys.
Twelve of the men were killed at-
right, and 40 others were more or less
severely injured. Some of the injured
are in such a critical condition that
no hope is entertained of their re-
covery. The strikers retired before
the volleys of the sheriff's party, but
now threaten vengeance, and
further bloodshed is feared. The
situation has become critical, and the
governor has called out the State
Militia.—CENTRAL NEWS.

HAZLETON, Sept. 11. Later.—The
numbers of the miners now ascertained
to have been killed and wounded in
the encounter with the sheriff and his
deputies differ slightly from those
first reported. Nineteen of the strikers
lost their lives, 11 having been killed
on the spot and 8 having succumbed
to their wounds. Forty-one others
were wounded, but not fatally.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

HAZLETON (Penn.), Sept. 11.—The
report that the deputy sheriff fired

on the miners who are on
strike near Coalmine is confirmed.

Twenty-two of the men were killed
and 36 seriously and 40 slightly
wounded. The men declare that the
firing was unprovoked. It appears

that 250 unarmed strikers started
to march to Latimer, in order to induce
the workers at that place to come
out. Near the mine they met Sheriff
Martin with 90 deputies. The sheriff
commanded the strikers to halt, and
they obeyed. He then ordered them to
disperse. The leaders of the men ex-
postulated, but the sheriff persisted,
and, finding that his words had no
effect, read the Riot Act. The men
understood this, as the majority
did not speak English, and crowded
round the sheriff in their anxiety to
know what he was reading. They
assert that they did him no violence,
and merely jostled him. Pushing his
way through the crowd, however, the
sheriff ordered the deputies to fire

into the mass of the strikers. Dozens
of the men fell, and the rest fled for
their lives. A second volley was then
poured into the fugitives, many of
whom fell. The sheriff asserts he
was assaulted, and says he realised
that the foreigners were a desperate
lot, who had little respect for human
life. He adds that he tried to arrest
the leaders, and that the first volley
was fired over their heads. The
Militia has been called out to preserve
order. International complications
may arise, as it is understood that
many of the men shot are not Ameri-
can citizens. The sheriff's action is
universally condemned. At a meeting
of citizens held here last night resolu-
tions were passed in sympathy with
the victims, and demanding the pro-
secution of the sheriff and his de-
puties.—REUTER.

MUSULMANS IN PARIS.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—The "Figaro,"

understands that the object of the
visit of Dr. Grenier, the Musulman
Deputy, to Algeria, is to raise funds

by subscription for the establish-
ment of a Musulman school in Paris. The
project has been approved by the

Minister of Public Instruction, and will
cost 50,000 francs to realise.

GREAT FIRE IN PARIS.

PARIS, Sept. 11.—A most destructive
fire broke out in Paris early this
morning on the premises occupied

by Messrs. Hatchette, the publishers,
in the Rue Stanislas. The premises
and the valuable contents were en-
tirely destroyed. The loss is esti-
mated at one million dollars. The
cause of the outbreak has not yet been
ascertained.—CENTRAL NEWS.

SOUTH AFRICA.

The financial situation at Johannesburg

(Reuters reports) is critical. A
public meeting has been called, and
the local governing bodies are urging

the Government to take prompt
measures to relieve the present state
of affairs. A leading financial firm,

representing large German interests,
has resolved to suspend the develop-
ment of the outside mining properties,
any further expenditure under present
conditions being deemed inadvisable.

The Transvaal Government has con-
sented to receive a deputation of
wholesale firms. The Natal Govern-
ment has abolished the transit duties.
The telegram adds that 6 burghers
have been arrested for shooting pri-
soners at Langeberg.

JOHANNESBURG EXPLOSION.

Reuter's Agency is informed by

Messrs. Adolf Goetz and Co., of 120,

Bishopsgate-street. Within, that they have

received the following telegram from

Johannesburg, dated Sept. 9.—Geo.

Goch Amalgamated Gold Mining Co.

—Explosion of dynamite at magazine

occurred yesterday afternoon, killing 8
natives in location south of mine,
wounding 12 natives severely. Very
little damage done to works. Another

private telegram states that no whites

were killed.

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THE WORK OF A HIDDEN HAND.
 BY JAMES GREENWOOD,
 (THE "AMATEUR CASUAL")

HOW THE HANDWRITING CAME TO LIGHT.

Fortunately, I had been graciously allowed the privilege of bail, and next morning attended the police court, and was conducted to the prisoner's box, police constable Z 99 being duly in attendance, with a small and compact greasy-looking parcel in brown paper on a ledge at his elbow.

"What is the charge?" the magistrate inquired.

"Please, your worship," commenced Z 99, "last night I was on duty in Canonbury-lane, Highbury, when I came suddenly on the prisoner, who was carrying this parcel in his hand. As soon as he saw me, he hid in a doorway, which, of course, excited my suspicion. I stood aside, and watched him, and he went further up the lane, and then I saw him throw what he had in his hand over the front railings of the garden of a private house. He was hurrying off, when I stopped him, and asked him what it was he had thrown away, and he declined to tell me. I took him back to the garden, and recovered the parcel, when he laughed, and said it was absurd to make a mystery of the matter. It was a packet of butter, and I had best take it home for the use of my family, and say no more about it."

"He offered it to you as a bribe to let him go?" remarked his worship, making a note of the suspicious circumstance.

"Yes, so, your worship, I told him that he ought to know better than attempt to corrupt a member of the force (a mendacious rascal! What he did tell me was that he would rather have the price of it) and that he would have to go with me to the station, and give an account of himself, which he did not leastways, not in a way that was satisfactory, though he gave a correct address and passes as respectable."

At the magistrate's request the brown-paper covering was removed from the parcel, revealing a mass of perfectly clean and fresh butter, about four pounds in weight.

"Is that your property, sir?" the magistrate inquired.

I politely replied that it was.

"You purchased it?"

"Where, may I ask?"

"That, with every respect for the bench, I decline to state."

"But if you bought and paid for it, why should you decline?"

For private reasons, which I beg to be excused from disclosing."

"I am not; I am a bachelor, living in lodgings."

"A bachelor, and you require four pounds of butter at a time?"

"I did not require it, or I should



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not have thrown it away." (A titter in court.)

"This is not an occasion for vulgar jocularity, sir. Am I to understand that you purchased four pounds of butter for the fun of throwing it away?"

"I purchased it with the idea that I was at liberty to do as I pleased with it."

"And it pleased you to bring it from your home at night time, and by stealth, and in fear of the police deposit it in the front garden of a private residence! You must be a very eccentric person, and your story will have to be further inquired into. Are there any witnesses?"

"One, sir. The prisoner's landlady."

This was startling. I had given my private address, there being no reason why I should conceal it, but I never for a moment dreamt of Mrs. Niblett being called on to give evidence. It was unmistakable that she was not a willing witness. She had, as I could see, been crying, and her glances at me were apologetic and full of sympathy.

"Does this person lodge with you, ma'am?"

"He does so, sir. He has occupied my apartments for a single gentleman going on now for two years, and goodness gracious forbid that I should say one word against him, for a more punctual and less troublesome lodger."

"Nevertheless, you are on your oath, ma'am," the worthy magistrate interrupted her sternly, "and must speak the truth about this butter. Does it belong to you?"

"Not a single ounce of it, your worship."

"Do you know anything about it?"

Mrs. Niblett hesitated.

"Not about that particular parcel of it, your worship. I never set eyes on it before in all my life."

"On this particular parcel! Have you seen parcels of a similar kind in prisoner's possession?"

"Not actually in his possession," returned Mrs. Niblett, evasively. "No, I have not, your worship. He is fond of butter, your worship. The taste of some gentlemen do run that way, as to pursue the pages following on boarders to their sorrow. But he is from the few I had, but that I knew

above such meanness. Having an appetite for it, he buys his own."

"And in large quantities, seemingly—pounds at a time."

"Yes, sir, but he has it in pats."

"Gets it from the shopkeeper in pats, do you mean?"

"Always, sir. I have known the girl fetch him as many as four and twenty pats in one morning."

There was another giggle in court at this, and even the worthy magistrate smiled.

"It is no wonder then that he occasionally has a few pounds to spare," he remarked. "He is a gentleman of weak intellect evidently. He is discharged."

"My dear sir—" I was commencing to protest indignantly, when his worship with much benevolence of manner stopped me.

"Pray don't excite yourself. Your behaviour was certainly suspicious, but you have done no harm, and may leave the court. Probably your friends may hear of this foolish freak of yours, and take such steps as will prevent it occurring again."

Had the reader pursued the above account in his morning paper he probably would have been of the magistrate's opinion, and wondered, perhaps, if a weakness for accumulating butter by the pat for the pleasure of disposing of it, in the way described, by the packet was indicative of softening of his brain. I hope not. Nevertheless, I must admit that it was partly on account of the worthy magistrate's unkind remarks on my "extraordinary behaviour" that the present series of papers is presented to the public sooner than was intended.

The fact is, though I have no positive evidence of such being the case, I shrewdly suspect that a few of my friends have come to hear of it, though, with much delicacy of feeling, they have refrained from mentioning it to me. But, though their manner has seemed changed, though my countenance, as far as I have been aware, has worn its customary sedate expression, I have been painfully conscious of an amused twinkle in their eyes, as though the encounter had brought to their minds a funny story, with which I was not altogether unconnected. There is one who passes as a wag, but whom I have always regarded as no better than a trivious "Jack-a-napes" who once when I met him, conveyed to me his acquaintance with the confounded police court incident in his peculiarly humorous way.

"You are not looking very well, Mr. —. Rather bilious. It is not pleasant, I know, to be told of such things, 'pat' to one's face; but, as an old friend, you will, I know, excuse the liberty."

And, when I looked at him severely, he continued:

"Oh, don't mind me. 'Tis but a little joke of mine." "Butter" little joke, of course, the idiot meant.

Whereas Miss Lillywhite is exceedingly pretty, though poor. The virtuous daughter of respectable parents she earns a livelihood as an embroiderer. She has some acquaintance with Cymon Spratling, but his advances receive but scant encouragement, and this his attributes in the first place, to his awkward manner, and his unprepossessing countenance, and in the next to her being sought after by a young fellow who, though only a working mechanic, is trim-built and good-looking.

Mr. Spratling, who is deeply and honourably in love with her, takes this more bitterly to heart because he has contrived to persuade himself that it is not so much her beauty that has attractions for him as her sterling qualities. He should, he tries to make himself believe, adore her none the less if she were not better-looking than himself. A man less ingenious would have been hopeless of proving this to the lady's satisfaction, but Cymon Spratling is desperate, and hits on a plan. He seeks the advice and assistance of an old beldame, who is darkly hatted, dabbles in divinity, and is mistress in witchcraft in all its branches. Her abode is in a squallid ally in one of the worst parts of Westminster, and there Cymon Spratling visits her.

He timidly responded to a croaking voice that bade him "come in," and opened the room door. The spectacle that met his gaze was a singular one. The apartment was not ill-furnished, but extremely dirty, and with a large fire burning in the grate, the unremoved ashes and cinders from which were heaped up to the bottom bar. Close by the fire the old woman with her feet on the fender. A large black cat was squatted on her rounded shoulders, and, while she crooned some gibberish words to a weird tune, the animal purred, as though aware that it was for his delectation and he liked it. But, turning its head at the cracking of the door, and seeing a stranger enter, the cat rose, and arching its back in anger, with a spitting fit of its teeth, leapt down. Mrs. Zeebub rose likewise, and confronted her visitor.

"And what can I do for you my pretty gentleman?" she asked him. Mr. Spratling might have taken this

"in fortune telling," but, being that nothing in that line would satisfy his present requirements, substituted:

"Your skill in influencing the destinies of mankind."

"Not of womankind?" the old woman retorted, with a shrewd grin; "but, there! I need not ask that. The two are as one. The witt and the woor. It does not matter. What you desire concerns a woman?"

"A lady," returned Mr. Spratling correctly. "Well, yes, it does."

"Does she hate you, or you her?"

"Neither; or, I should rather say, decided not, for my part. And I most fervently hope not as regards the other party. It is in order that I may make sure that I have come to you."

"Do you wish for a love-philter, after taking which she will fly to your bosom, like a bird to its nest?"

"Not exactly," replied Mr. Spratling, hesitating (for he found it difficult to express feelings what it was he did want). "I simply wish her inclined favourably towards me. Well, the long and short of it is, ma'am, I have reasons for believing that the one bar to her favouring my suit is my unfitness."

The bent old witch approached him more closely from the fireplace, and, screening her dim eyes with her unclenched hand, peered up to his handsome face in an impish sort of way.

"You are not an Adonis," she remarked dryly. "And she is a beauty, eh?"

"The perfection of loveliness," Cymon Spratling answered earnestly. "I am conscious that the contrast is a most painful one. I would have it altered."

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"That can only be done by making you handsome."

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"Or by making her less lovely?"

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"You are a bold adventurer," she remarked; "and a sharp one. You have come to the conclusion that the one process will be easier to perform than the other. You are right, probably. But 'less lovely' is vague. You acknowledge to being ugly yourself. Would you bring matters to a level?"

He had given her a last opportunity. It was in vain he tried to comfort himself with the specious argument that he had used with himself when the dreadful idea first entered his head—namely, that he should love her none the less, however ugly she became. Her face would now be a daily, an hourly reproach to him, and he should feel it the more poignant for her being unsuspicious of his having caused the sad alteration in her appearance.

He passed a wretched, wakeful night. It was, of course, necessary that he should make immediate and appropriate acknowledgment of her letter, and next morning he indited a loving epistle to her, and with it sent a beautiful engagement ring that cost him five guineas. He yearned to see her, but she had underlined her injunction that he was not to come until he heard from her again, and he was bound to respect her request.

But the longing so tormented him that that same evening after dusk he ventured near Lotty's abode on the possible chance of catching sight of her at the window. In this he succeeded but too well.

There were trees on the side of the way opposite to where Lotty lived, and concealed in the shadow of one of them he kept watch. Her room was the first door from, and after half an hour's vigil he saw a reflection on the window blind. A human reflection, presumably, but of nobody he had ever heard of as residing on the premises. A person wearing a sort of skull cap, and with a bandaged face.

It was a most ugly night, and the celestial luminary shone full on the casement. Suddenly the curtain was drawn aside, and it then became unmistakably—terribly—apparent that the bandaged face was that of Lotty Lillywhite!

Cymon Spratling gasped for breath as he fell back against the tree trunk for support. Was then the hateful influence of that horrid powder so prompt? Was the metamorphosis from loveliness to ugliness to be so rapid that a mere few days would complete it? Ugh! Poor Lotty Lillywhite's face was fair to be hideous.

There was a bandage round her forehead, and a separate plaster for each eye, and a sponge for her nose. Had he been responsible for the frightful result through personal assault and battery? Cymon Spratling could not have felt more guilty, and mean, and contemptible. "A dastardly scoundrel such as I am is unfit to live," he ejaculated, and rushed from the spot ready to hang or drown himself.

But next morning, grown calmer and having given himself time to consider what had best be done, he resolved to pay another visit to Mrs. Zeebub. To be sure, she had intimated that there would be no use in his doing so, but an offer of a handsome sum of money—fifty—a hundred pounds, might induce her to give him an antidote. And he hurried to Westminster. But, alas! his errand proved fruitless. Mrs. Zeebub had been taken into custody the previous day for fortune-telling, and committed to prison for six weeks.

Now, what was to be done? No good could come of his going to poor Lotty and making confession. If he did so, he could expect nothing else than that she would inexorably refuse to have anything more to do with him; and it was more than probable that her father would have him prosecuted, with the result that he might be sentenced to so many years' imprisonment as Mrs. Zeebub had been sent for weeks.

After a while she removed the pink from the fire, and placed it on the fender to cool. Then she turned out of it a pinch of grey ashes, scarce enough to cover a sixpence.

"Which is her favourite flower?" she inquired of Mr. Spratling.

"The carnation." "Get three of the finest and best, and sprinkle them with this dust, and send them, addressed to her, but without letting her know who is the sender. She is sure to smell them, and that will be enough."

With the powder of guineas on his cheeks, Cymon Spratling took the tiny packet of powder, and went his way. Next morning three carnations were enclosed in a cardboard box, and sent by post anonymously to Miss Lotty Lillywhite.

"That much depends on the truth of the reports I have heard as regards your skill."

"In what?" He had forgotten to ask the beldame how long a time must elapse ere the malignant powder began to be effective; but, no sooner had he com-

mitted himself to the cowardly crime, than his accusing conscience commenced to cause him agonies of remorse, and he wished the deed undone. Had he dared, he would have written to her, warning her against smelling the blossoms; but he knew her liking for them, and that he was now too late.

Was it possible that she would ever discover the perpetrator of the atrocity to which he had bent himself? It seemed so. That very evening came a letter from Lotty. He recognised the handwriting in an instant.

"Suspicion always haunts the guilty soul," and it crossed that of Mr. Cymon Spratling that under the cordiality of the invitation a trap might be concealed. Instead of very well Lotty might in reality be very ill. The family might by some means have got wind of his villainy in connection therewith, and were plotting to get hold of him, preferring the off-hand method of punishment favoured by Judge Lynch to the slower process of indictment at an ordinary criminal court.

On the other hand he knew Lotty well enough to be convinced that under no circumstances would she be a party to duplicity. It was altogether inexplicable, and the only way to solve the mystery was for him to go as invited.

And he went. He felt nervous as he knocked at the door, and his heart thumped heavily. But it was Lotty herself who let him in. Lotty, and looking as charming—nay, more charming—than ever, and with every feature in its pristine beauty, without speck or flaw.

Cymon Spratling felt almost delirious with delight, which was, of course, highly gratifying to Miss Lillywhite, who innocently attributed it to natural causes.

She had not been very well for a few days past, she explained, and had been away from home staying with an aunt at Kingston, and had only just received his kind letter. She had thought much of him while away, and was delighted to hear from him. She had consulted her parents as to his offer, and, as they counselled her to say "Yes," both love and duty urged her to obey them. But, as she had not yet quite recovered from her trilling ailment, she would not ask him to come and see her until she again wrote to him.

Here was a frightful predicament! True, his darling Lotty had accepted him but under what conditions? Of course, she mentioned nothing about her present of carnations; but no doubt she had received them—smelt them! "Once done it can never be remedied," the witch warned him.

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She had her forefinger raised as she

OUR OMNIBUS.

PIPER PAN.

The National Sunday League Musical Society has now issued the prospectus for the winter oratorio season, which begins on Oct. 17. Performances commencing at 7, will be given on Sunday evenings at Queen's Hall, Holborn, Shoreditch, Battersea, Stratford, and Bermondsey Town Halls, and the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kensington. The rehearsals start on Sept. 14, and will take place every Tuesday evening, all music being provided free, and ladies and gentlemen desirous of joining the society are not required to pay any subscription.

Among the works announced for performance are the following familiar favourites:—"Golden Legend," "Martyr of Antioch," "Light of the World," and "Prodigal Son," by Sullivan; "Messiah," "Samson," "Jephtha," "Judas Macabaeus," "Israel in Egypt," "Handel," "Creation," "The Seasons," Haydn: "Elijah," "St. Paul," "Hymn of Praise," "Albion," "Lauda Sion," "Hear My Prayer," Mendelssohn; "Mount of Olives," Beethoven; "Stabat Mater," Rossini; "Rebekah," Barnby; "Dream of Jubal," Mackenzie; and Verdi's "Requiem." Mr. Churchill Sibley and Mr. C. H. Allen Gill will be the conductors, and Sir Arthur Sullivan is still president of the deservedly popular society.

London rehearsals for the Three Choirs Festival took place on Wednesday and Thursday last, the final full rehearsals being fixed to take place the following Saturday and Monday at Hereford. The longest of the new works for the festival is Dr. Harford Lloyd's "Hymn of Thanksgiving," which is dedicated to the Queen. Weale's famous hymn tune "Bedford" is introduced in the first and last numbers, and a prayer from the Accession Service is effectively arranged for double chorus. There is also an expressive solo for soprano (Madame Alboni) and flute from the Litany for men (Mr. Edward Lloyd).

Mr. Hedmondt has 2 more novelties for production during his season at Her Majesty's Theatre. One of these is an opera by Mr. Reginald Somerville, and the libretto is founded upon the legend of the "Prentice Pillar" in Roslyn Chapel.

Yet again is Mr. Robert Newman's enterprise meeting with conspicuous success. The "Proms" at Queen's Hall are drawing crowded and enthusiastic audiences, whose keen appreciation of the fine work done by Mr. Henry Wood and his splendid orchestra speaks well for present day musical culture.

It has often been reported that M. Paderewski has been shorn of his lion-like mane of yellow locks, but it seems that the famous pianist has now really "gone and done it at last." His admirers of the fair sex in America are said to be inconsolable at the loss of one of manifold attractions.

I regret to say that there will be no Sarasate concerts in London for a long time, the Spanish violinist having decided not to return here this year, owing to numerous engagements abroad.

The famous Norwegian pianist and composer, Dr. Greig, intends sojourning longer in England than was originally expected. Besides playing at the Philharmonic, he will give at least two recitals in London, and Mr. Vert is also arranging a provincial tour for him.

There has been quite a gathering of operatic and other artists at Montmorency this year. Miss Macintyre, Madame Marie Rose, Madame Blanche Marchesi, Madame Alboni, and the Brothers Dr. Reszke have all been staying at the popular health resort. They are mostly on the wing now, however, the holiday season being about over.

Directly after the Birmingham Festival Mr. Plunket Greene sang, on Oct. 13, for a tour of at least 45 recitals in Canada, British Columbia, and California. The popular baritone is expected back in England about the end of January.

Mr. Frederick Lamond has been obliged to decline the professorship at the Imperial Conservatoire of Moscow, which was offered him recently. Mr. Lamond found that the acceptance of the post would render it impossible for him to fulfil engagements outside Russia except during January. Considering the number of famous native pianists now in Russia, and that Rubinstein, Tschakowsky, Sauer, and Siloti have been connected with the Imperial Conservatoire it is very gratifying that a British pianist has been offered such a distinguished position.

In consequence of the resignation of Mr. Hugh Blair, Mr. Ivor Atkins, Mrs. Bac, of Ludlow, has been appointed organist of Worcester Cathedral, and will, therefore, conduct the Worcester Festival.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Several times lately I have been asked—twice within this last week—whether the rook is the young of the crow, or vice versa, and as there seems to be a widely accepted notion that they are one and the same bird, it might be of interest to those who do not know the difference between them to have it pointed out. I know from experience that these deep-rooted ideas are very difficult to dispel, and a couple of years ago when I stated in this column that the rook and the crow were quite different species I was actually ridiculed by a host of correspondents. So sure they were of the identity of the birds that it is very doubtful whether a good many of them will ever be convinced that they are different.

The most important feature to distinguish the rook and crow is that the adult of the former is furnished with a patch of whitish skin at the base of the bill; this is entirely absent in the crow. The rook is of a more glossy black than the crow, and is a shade smaller. It is true the young birds are very difficult to distinguish, but they begin to show their differences at a few months old. In habits the 2 birds are quite dissimilar. As everyone knows, rooks nest in colonies, and go about in flocks, the crow, on the other hand, is

a solitary bird, and it does not nest in colonies. The food of the 2 species is also different.

I have received the following note from an old subscriber, and I am quite pleased that he has thought fit to criticise my statements. "I have paid my penny for 'The People,' without a break from its first inception, and have never been tempted to cavil at any statements published through the medium of so talented a staff. However, on reading your article (always so interesting) in to-day's issue, I find it impossible to swallow the story of 'Your Old and Valued Correspondent,' at West Norwood. How that cat got the egg out of a basket with 'one paw,' without breaking it, would form a nice puzzle competition for some of our enterprising comics."

Now, I do not see anything extraordinary in a cat removing an egg from a basket without breaking it. If the basket were a low one the short fall would be insufficient to break it, but even if it were a high basket, I am sure that a cat who had ample opportunity of educating itself in stealing eggs could take one off with one paw, and then catch it or break its fall with the same paw before reaching the ground. I have many times seen a cat when playing with a mouse throw it in the air, and then dexterously catch it with the same paw.

I have to thank the same correspondent for the following note:—"A constable of the Marylebone Division on night duty, going his usual round of inspection, came to the door of a well-known hostelry, and, flushing his lantern over the doorway, he discovered a poor little mouse, whose tail had made it prisoner, by the slammimg of the door when the house had been 'shut up' at 12.30. It warmed my heart to this stalwart officer when I learnt he had cut the tail, and so liberated the prisoner to use his own words, he said, 'I cut the little beggar's tail and gave him a chance, thinking he had been punished quite enough.'

We give sketch this week of the Anubis baboon, a fine example of which may now be seen in the Zoological Society's monkey-house. The baboon is an inhabitant of West Africa, where its haunts are usually

in rocky mountains; in some localities large troops of them being met with. It is of large size, and of a uniform cinnamon brown colour. "Its head is large, and it has a very long face. The males are larger than the females, and are possessed of great strength, and armed with tusks. When attacked, it savagely defends itself, and is by no means an antagonist to be despised.

Baboons walk on all fours, and being ill-adapted for climbing usually keep to the ground. They are pretty well omnivorous, eating with equal relish fruit, eggs, reptiles, roots, and seeds. In captivity they seldom become tame, and are, as a rule, of a spiteful disposition. The Zoological Society has exhibited a good many specimens, the last one being received at the gardens in 1895.

Mr. W. F. Pearson, of Tottenham, has communicated to me a second instance of the occurrence of double feather in his pigeons. The feather is exactly similar to the one I described last week. Although 7 or 8 pairs of young birds have been bred from the same parents this extraordinary feature has not been noticed in them before. I should say that this abnormality was present in Mr. Pearson's original stock, and that it is of an hereditary character, though it must be said, it seems to be very inconstant. Such peculiarities in an original stock, I am inclined to think, are, as a rule, more constant.

The additions to the Zoological Society's gardens during the week ending Sept. 6 include crested porcupine, 2 storks, a common night heron, 2 Vireos, 2 common buzzards, a greater black-backed gull, a herring gull, a huemaco, a Barbary wild sheep (born in the gardens), 2 rough-legged buzzards, a Malabar squirrel, 1 green lizard, a wall lizard, 2 sand lizards, a smooth-headed capuchin monkey, an ivory gull, and a common chameleon.

THE ACTOR.

I received quite a little shock at Her Majesty's on the first night of "Rip Van Winkle." I found myself seated next to Mr. Kyle Belie, and I noted that his head was denuded of the back hair which he used to wear long and curly. Such hair as he now has is a most becoming grey-white. Still, I must say I mourn the loss of his youthful chevelure. I suppose he now has a wig on the stage. I shall be curious to observe his "make-up" when he appears in "Francillon."

A contemporary has been talking nonsense about the supposed professional dread of Friday as a day for producing new pieces. The old superstition on the subject has quite died out. In London Friday premieres are by no means unknown, and in the country they are frequent—Friday being the "fashionable" night in most provincial towns and cities. Mr. John and Mr. and Mrs. Kendal have just brought out a new play on a Friday—A Bachelor's Romance" at Edinburgh, and "The Elder Miss Blossom" at Blackpool.

Much interest attaches to the piece which Mr. Hawtry is to introduce to his patrons next Wednesday. It is the third important effort of that clever young actor-author, Mr. H. V. Esmond. First came "Boycy," then "The Divided Way," and now we are to have "One Summer's Day." There is a feeling among playgoers that the first two of these were rather severely handled by some of the critics, and that Mr. Esmond's work has hitherto been

judged by rather stringent standards. "One Summer's Day," meanwhile, is of a lighter cast than its predecessor.

All good wishes will go with Mr. Fitzroy Gardner, who starts in management on his own account at the Avenue in October. He will then submit a "triple" bill (as it is quite incorrectly called), one attractive item of which will be "My Lady's Orchard," the one-act play by Mrs. Oscar Beringer, in which Miss Erene and Miss Vera Beringer were recently so successful in Glasgow. Mr. Gardner, it will be remembered, was for some time associated with Mr. Tree at the Haymarket Theatre, where he was very popular with playgoers, professional and otherwise.

The menagers of the Haymarket seem to have made up their minds to produce "The Little Minister" about the middle of October. The piece is to set the light first in America. Both there and here it is likely to "draw" the public hugely. The novel on which it is founded is one of the most popular of Mr. Barrie's works, and the figures of the hero and the heroine stand out clearly in the imaginations of most readers. Very wisely Mr. Barrie has not attempted to put all his story on the stage. He has preferred to confine himself to certain salient characters and episodes.

It is announced with some air of authority that Mdme. Ilka Palmy is to be the new Duchess of Gerolstein at the Savoy. I have always understood that she was destined for the part, in which she ought, I think, to be a success. To begin with, the rôle is one in which her foreign accent would tell for, rather than against her. It is a peculiar accent, rendering her English not too intelligible. It has, however, some piquancy and charm. As vocalist and actress Mdme. Palmy should be quite equal to the task before her.

Miss Hilda Spong, since she played in "Two Little Vagabonds," has not been seen on the boards in London. It is pleasant, therefore, to hear that she has arranged to appear in comedy at the Court, when that theatre is reopened by Messrs. Boucicault and Chudleigh. It is for comedy, I should say, that she is most fitted by her gifts and accomplishments. For melodrama her style is almost too refined to be effective. Anyway, her réentrée will give pleasure to many a playgoer—to all, in fact, who saw her at the Princess's and at Drury Lane.

OLD IZAAK.

The Thames is in capital order for all-round angling, and unless any exceptional rainfall happens, good sport may now be confidently expected. The official reports of the Thames Angling Preservation Society for the past week are decidedly encouraging, and Milbourne mentions the taking of some exceptionally fine roach at Hampton, weighing up to 2lb. each, with more ruddy fins and larger scales than usual. The re-stocking of the river during the past few years is beginning to tell, and it would seem that anglers may expect more and better fish in consequence.

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Reports of illegal night fishing from Thames piers continually reach the authorities, but unfortunately are frequently not accompanied by sufficient evidence to render a successful prosecution possible. It cannot be too widely known that it is illegal to fish from a boat below Staines, between an hour after sunset and an hour before sunrise, and this rule of the stream, to the increased purity of the stream. With continued care, there is no good reason why the lordly salmon should not visit it again.

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The Gresham Anglers have a sea outing to Newhaven on Tuesday next.

manner. Happily, Ministers did not acquiesce, and we should now be suffering as our fellow subjects in India are. Several thousands of gaol-birds were set free out there, with the result that such a paragraph as the following frequently appears in the papers:—"The sudden increase of crime in Rohilkund and the Meerut district is almost entirely attributable to the arrival of prisoners set free at Jubilee time." I extract this confession from a native journal which strongly advocated the very proceeding whose evil consequences it now deplores.

WILL WORKMAN.

I am pleased to see that the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the effects and operation of the Merchandise Marks Act have sent in their report, and that they consider that, as a whole, the Act has done good, and has, to a great extent, stopped the fraudulent practices against which it was directed, and has had a tendency to inspire confidence in the accuracy of marks placed upon British goods.

But even now there is a great deal of what may be called "want of confidence," especially amongst the working class, and they will tell you with a very great deal of truth that tens of thousands of pounds worth of articles come over here from Germany and elsewhere without any name or label, consigned to British firms in the same line of business, who stamp and label them with their own name and mark, and sell them as their own manufactures.

If every manufactured article coming into this country from a foreign country was obliged to be marked "made abroad," it would be much more difficult for fraudulently-disposed British firms to deceive the public in this way, but as the Act stands at present, if any article arrives in this country quite blank—that is to say, without any mark or label (except, of course, the name and address of the firm on the outside of the case or crate)—the Act does not affect it in any way, and even when they arrive here stamped "made in Germany," the marks are filed out or cut out or obliterated in some way, and the article still sold as English.

GENERAL CHATTER.

The police should be sharper and more severe than they are in bringing to book drivers who wilfully keep to the right instead of to the left when passing street refugees. It is a most dangerous practice, because people who are crossing only look in the direction from which vehicles would come if the rule of the road were obeyed.

The worst man-trap of this sort that I know is across the end of Shafbury-av., close to St. Giles's Schools. Drivers habitually disregard the placarded order, "Keep to the left," and I rarely pass the place without seeing very narrow escapes. It would be safer to dispense with refuges altogether than to have them made together than to have them made at all.

Not long ago, a prominent M.P., who takes a great interest in all trade matters, obtained permission from the Board of Trade officials to be present at the unloading and inspecting of a cargo of foreign goods just arrived from Flushing. He took me with him, and without I had seen it and had it explained I could not have believed it.

For instance, there were a lot of

those cards of cutlery, penknives especially such as we see at bookstalls and railway stations. When they arrive here, these cards have the double row of knives all right, just as we see them, but all the top space is blank, ready for some British firm to have it stamped "best Sheffield steel" printed in, and to send out as Sheffield goods. There were also a parcel of swords, very lightly stamped on the blade under the word "made in Germany." These were consigned to an English firm of sword makers, who had "made in Germany" it out, and their own mark put in its place. A question was asked in the House about this, and the answer was that they were officers' swords, and as the officers buy their own swords, the Government could not interfere, but I wonder what the officers thought about it.

These are only two instances, but they will serve as illustrations of "how it is done."

Of course, I am not in fashion in my ideas, but if I had my way all these cheap and nasty foreign manufactured articles should, on entering our ports, pay their just share of the rates and taxes. Every manufacturer in this country has to pay towards the support of the Army, Navy, Civil Service, and all the rest of it, while we offer

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JACK ALLROUND.

SLOW WINE.—The sloes must be quite ripe and sound, any bruised or decayed fruit being thrown away. Pick the sloes from the stalk and to every gallon of fruit allow a gallon of water, which is to be poured over the sloes boiling hot. Allow them to soak for 3 days, stirring them well every day. On the sixth day strain them, and to every gallon of liquor add 4lb. of good loaf sugar. When the sugar is quite dissolved put the whole into a cask with one pint of brandy to each one gallon and a half of the liquor. The wine must be kept for at least 12 months in the cask, but it will be better if kept there for 2 years.

CLEANER AND POLISHER COMBINED FOR NEGLECTED WALNUT, ROSEWOOD, OR MAHOGANY FURNITURE.—Linseed oil 4 pints, rectified spirit 10z., butter of antimony 2oz., mix the ingredients well together. Then take 1 pint spirit of turpentine and 1 pint vinegar, mix the two together, then add them to the oil mixture, previously made. Thoroughly mix well, and shake them together in a bottle. To apply this use a woollen rag well wet with the prepared liquid, and proceed to rub the wood steadily along the way of the grain, then polish with a piece of flannel, followed with a soft old linen rag.

MUSHROOM KETCHUP.—The best ketchup is made with the "slaps," or large full-grown mushrooms.

They must be fresh and ought to be gathered in dry weather as possible. If gathered in rain the ketchup is almost certain to go musty. Have a deep pan, put in a layer of mushrooms, sprinkle over well with salt, then add another layer, which salt as before, and so on alternately till all are in, allowing to every peck of mushrooms 4lb. of salt. Let them stand for a few hours, then break them up with the hand, and put them in a cool place for 3 days, occasionally stirring them to help the separation of the juice. After this let the juice run off into another vessel, not pressing the mushrooms, but just draining off the juice by inverting the vessel they are in as well as you can. Measure the liquor so obtained, and to every quart add 1oz. of allspice, 1oz. of ginger, 1oz. of cayenne, and 2 blades of mace. Put the liquor and spices into a stone jar, which covers loosely, and place in a cistern of boiling water. Set on the fire, and boil for 3 hours. Then pour it into a jug, and stand it in a cool place till next day, when it should be cautiously poured off into another jug, being careful not to shake it up, but to leave all the sediment that has fallen below behind. Then strain into perfectly clean dry bottles, adding a few drops of brandy to each pint of ketchup. Cork well, and seal or resin the corks to absolutely exclude air. It is advisable to examine the store occasionally, and if it should appear not to be keeping reboil the whole, adding a few peppercorns. If a very clear bright ketchup is wanted the liquor must be strained through a fine flannel bag, after it has been gently poured off from the sediment as described. If the first straining is not sufficient repeat it until you have a quite clear liquid.

SARSAPARILLA BEVERAGE.—This is sometimes called sarsaparilla wine. In 24 gallons of water boil for half an hour 16oz. of sarsaparilla bark, well bruised together with 6oz. of bruised liquorice root; add sugar syrup sufficient to sweeten to taste. The sugar syrup is made by slowly boiling 2lb. of loaf sugar in 1 pint of water until it pours out of a spoon with an oily appearance. Before you add the syrup strain the liquor to remove the bark and liquorice root. Next dissolve 2 drachms oil of winter green and 1 drachm oil of sarsaparilla in 2oz. of strong alcohol. You will arrive best at the solution by agitating the oil and alcohol in a bottle. When dissolved add them to the liquor, and stir well for some time.

MARKING INK.—Dissolve 1 drachm nitrate of silver in 1oz. of water, add to the solution as much liquid ammonia as will re-dissolve the precipitated oxide, with some sap green to colour it, and sufficient gum water to bring the whole up to 1oz. The letters written with this ink should be first heated by the sun and afterwards exposed to the sun to blacken. You need not put any preparation on the lines previous to writing. This is in answer to "Joe" and "L. S." Had "Major" looked in "Household" he would have found his reply 3 weeks ago. My readers should always look there when they find no answer in this column.

BLACKBERRY JAM.—Judging from the number of applicants blackberries must be plentiful this season, but I must warn my friends if they want the jam to keep well the fruit must not only be quite ripe, but must be perfectly dry when gathered. Pick the berries from the stalks, then weigh them, and allow 1lb. crushed loaf sugar to every 1lb. of fruit. Set them on a slow fire, and at once commence to stir with a wooden spoon. If you are not careful they are apt to burn before the juice runs freely from the fruit, and never for a moment stop stirring throughout the whole boiling. If about half an hour after the jam has come to the actual boil you may begin to test if it will jelly by putting a few drops from time to time on a cold plate, and when it jellies it is fit to be crocked. Fill the crocks pretty full, and let them stand till next day to get cold. Then cover and store in a dry cool place. With this, as with other jams, it is of the greatest importance that the crocks should be perfectly dry before the jam is poured in.

BLACKBERRY JAM WITH APPLES.—Those who like the flavour of apples with blackberries should select the best to use, but they must be ripe or they will not boil evenly. Pare, quarter, and core, and slice up the apples very thinly, then weigh them, allowing 1lb. to every 1lb. of blackberries, and to every 2lb. of the mixed fruit allow 1lb. of sugar. The large number of hard seeds in blackberries is often objected to, and if you have plenty of fruit you can get rid of the seeds by cooking the berries alone at first until they are soft enough to rub them through a sieve that will keep back the seeds. In this case allow 1lb. of sugar to every 1lb. of mixed apples and fruit, or 1lb. of sugar to 1lb. of fruit if the blackberries are alone, a good deal is lost by removing the seeds. When you have rubbed the blackberries through the sieve the pulp must be returned to the preserving pan and boiled with the sugar and apples, or sugar alone as the case may be, until by testing on a cold plate you find it jellies when it is done.

SULPHURING TO STOP INORDINATE FERMENTATION IN WINES.—You must have a clean empty cask to transfer the fermenting wine to. It needs care but it is not difficult to accomplish the sulphuring. Matches dipped in sulphur must be introduced into the empty cask, where they must be allowed to burn as long as they will, and will only go out when they have consumed all the atmosphere within the cask, which will then be full of sulphuric acid gas. This acts with the fermenting principle, and destroys it. The matches may be fixed on wire turned up like a hook, and fastened to the underside of the bung. The bung should have a small hole bored in it for the air to escape through. After lighting the matches they are put into the cask, and the bung fastened. As the burning proceeds in the cask the air expands and escapes through the small hole in the bung. The greatest care must be taken that the matches do not drop off into the cask. Having withdrawn the matches the wine is poured into the cask, and allowed to remain some time, then racked off in the usual way. One sulphuring is generally enough, but sometimes the process has to be repeated.

VOLUNTEER GOSSIP.

An Army order calls attention to the following encirclement relating to the Volunteer force which lately came into force:—For remaining doubts it is hereby decided that the power under Section 24 of the Volunteer Act of 1863 to make rules with respect to a Volunteer corps shall extend and be deemed to have always extended to rules for securing the pay of the members of the corps, and that a sum to be paid on the breach of any rule made under the aforesaid section shall be a sum of money recoverable on complaint to a court of summary jurisdiction."

The North London Rifle Club resumed operations at Ilford on Wednesday in very favourable weather, when Pte. H. Young, jun., made 101, and no less than 4 other members reached 100. The first round of the Autumn Handicap Tournament was contested. The second round is to be run on the 23rd. The shooting at short ranges was in "any" position. The top scores were made by Pte. Terry (57), Armer-sergt. Rottho (97), Sergt. Cleman (55), and Pte. Hatchard (95). That the Surrey Twentieth Subalterns won the 4th. Lord's Cup, and the 1st. London Irish is now leading for the championship of the New South London Rifle Club for the year of 1897. That in the month of August of the Civil Service at Rammey, Herts, the 1st. Herts, Ilford Detachment, the Herts Cup was won by F. (Spottiswoode's) Co., under Capt. Ruddle, and that this company is now 179 strong; G. Co., under Lieut. Kennedie, was second. That Canon Duckworth has been promoted to Major. He is now in command of the 1st. 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THE THEATRES.

ADELPHI.

The problems play having happily worn itself out, is now followed by the musical play, as exemplified by Messrs. Hadow, Chambers and Coynes Carr's new drama, "In the Days of the Duke,"—the "Duke," of course, being Wellington—seen for the first time at the Mezzette Gatti's theatre on Thursday. Yet, despite the complexity, or, not to speak profanely, the indistinctness, of the story, it has within the corners of its 4 acts the makings of a melodrama, which, if developing either with distinction for themselves or lighten the serious tone of the play. The piece, when cut down and clamped up, will no doubt justify the favourable reception accorded to it by a full house.

GLOBE.

"Miss Francis" of Yale," the 3-act farce written by the Transatlantic playwright, Mr. Michael Morton, after a prolonged run in its own country, was seen for the first time in England last Tuesday at the Globe, where, it had best be said at once, a somewhat sparse audience acclaimed the success of the piece by unstinted laughter and applause. This hearty reception must be accounted for by the slap-dash vigour of the presentation rather than by any dramatic merit, except rapidity of action and interest in the piece itself, which, it may be safely assumed, would never have been written but for the "friendly lead" in respect of character as well as plot given to its author by "Charley's Aunt." As in the original play, its refix contains for chief personages three college undergraduates, one of whom is given to masquerading as a woman in private theatricals, and, as a consequence of this, as well as of his diminutive size, smooth girlish face, and ladylike manners, has come to be nicknamed by his college chums "Miss Francis." A soured old maid, Miss Mann, catching sight of this young Frank Staynor in female attire at the bachelor quarters of his fellow collegian Fred Anderson, and taking him for a woman, spitefully spreads the scandal so that it reaches the ears of Anderson's fiancee, Vesta Fitzallen, who, too readily believing the story, in a revulsion of feeling, without giving or taking any explanation, accostingly denounces and discards her sweetheart. Her female friends, along with the young lady, also give the young gentleman the cold shoulder; and, furthermore, when his friend Frank, alias "Miss Francis," appears in male attire, wearing a knickerbocker suit, the women one and all treat him as a creature of their own sex. The embarrassments ensuing as a result of this mistake are peculiar; thus, the girlish Frank, while wholly unconscious of the delusion under which the ladies are labouring regarding his sex, is visited by them in turn as one of their own, not only in his bed-room but in his bed. The scene at one moment hinges upon a suggestiveness only just escaped, through the amorous advances made to the supposed "Miss Francis" by a middle-aged husband of one of the ladies, who, like the rest, intrudes himself into Staynor's chamber. The action taking place afterwards in the same sleeping apartment, in which there is no rest, with its pillow fight and bed bundling, certainly incited laughter, but by extravagance rather than humour, desiring as it did from farce to the wildest pantomime, brought to an end by the inevitable explanation that the seeming girl is really a man. In this part Mr. Weedon Grossmith, playing perplexity at what all the others were driving at in their contemptuous treatment of "Miss Francis," was personally funny in applying the derision heaped upon him as a girl to himself as a man. Out of the truth of the charge of treachery resting against his parents' name, a betrayal moreover involving, as seems on the face of it, the slaughter of the father of his own fiancee, his engagement with whom he, in his horror at this ghastly revelation, breaks off without daring to reveal what he believes to be the terrible cause. Out of this dramatic impasse, as it appears to be, a way is ultimately found by the surrender of the falsely incriminating letters, with a confession of their application to himself from the lips of the repentant seducer, murderer, and slanderer as he lies dying on the battlefield on the morrow of Waterloo. This avowal, while clearing from its stigma the memory of the dead, leaves unrevealed the old shame of the living in the person of his widow; while it sets Capt. Aylmer free in conscience and honour to renew his trothplight to his sweetheart. The development of this story serves to introduce the Iron Duke first as a colonel throughout the prologue, in command of an Indian



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reported of infidelity, when afterwards her seducer charges the husband he has murdered with the treachery, committed by himself, of acting as traitor to his cause and country. With the innocent son of the unhappy widow, grown during the 14 years intervening between the prologue and the play to manhood, is shared the burden of sorrow consequent upon this double sin. The brave and chivalrous young Captain Aylmer, living to avenge the slur cast upon his father's name, is convinced by documentary evidences, insidiously perverted from its actual and intended purport by the dead soldier's assassin, of the truth of the charge of treachery resting against his parents' name, a betrayal moreover involving, as seems on the face of it, the slaughter of the father of his own fiancee, his engagement with whom he, in his horror at this ghastly revelation, breaks off without daring to reveal what he believes to be the terrible cause. Out of this dramatic impasse, as it appears to be, a way is ultimately found by the surrender of the falsely incriminating letters, with a confession of their application to himself from the lips of the repentant seducer, murderer, and slanderer as he lies dying on the battlefield on the morrow of Waterloo. This avowal, while clearing from its stigma the memory of the dead, leaves unrevealed the old shame of the living in the person of his widow; while it sets Capt. Aylmer free in conscience and honour to renew his trothplight to his sweetheart. The development of this story serves to introduce the Iron Duke first as a colonel throughout the prologue, in command of an Indian



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fort, and, later in the play, as commander-in-chief at the memorable battle of Brussels on the eve of Waterloo, and, finally, on the battlefield the morning after the victory. These noteworthy scenes, with others of secondary importance, were presented with a singularly vivid picturesqueness, serving to impart a certain historic significance, which went far to contribute to the illusion of the story. Mr. William Terriss, upon whom the interest centred first as the middle-aged Col. Aylmer, and then as the gallant suitor, played both characters with his wonted manly earnestness. The trying character of the mother, stricken sore under the secret of her past shame, was redeemed from repugnance, and even rendered sympathetic by the tender womanliness with which the repentant lady's sorrowful suffering was portrayed by Miss Marion Terry. The villainous criminal, Captain Lanson, was impersonated by Mr. Cartwright with a quiet intensity which, while rendering the character interesting, in its convincing reality, induced full respect and admiration for

the histrionic ability of the actor. Mr. Beveridge acted with a certain artistic propriety the part of an Irish duellist and bully, who is the master villain's confederate. As the Iron Duke, Mr. Fulton had little to do save to look the great soldier, as he did in face, albeit over tall for perfect illusion. Mr. Harry Nicholls and Miss Jane Featherstone as the King, and Miss Amy Augarde's Queen is so good that one regrets that her pleasing voice is not heard in a solo. Mr. Victor Herbert's music is tuneful and lively, and not without humour. The chorus is well trained and attractive, and the staging presents 3 picturesque scenes.

OUR LOCAL THEATRES.

"The Circus Girl," as produced at the Grand, Islington, during the week by Mr. George Edwards' Gaiety Company, has been an immense success, both from a manager's point of view and that of the general public. Miss Olive Marston, as La Favourite, was particularly well received, as was Miss Grace Dudley as Doris Wemyss, while the Mrs. Drivells of Miss Millie Hyton was much admired. Mr. W. R. Shirley as Dick Capel and Chas. Stuart as the Hon. Reginald Gower acquitted themselves with marked success and the Biggs of Mr. Horace May and the Sir Titus Wemyss of Mr. G. P. Huntley pleased the house immensely. Both Miss Hyton and Miss Coralie Blythe proved not to have suffered from the cab accident which happened to them at Paddington on Sunday last. This week the management announce the great "Audubon" success, "A Night Out." Theatres-goers at Holloway will have pleasant recollections for some time of Mr. Oscar Barrett's excellent company, which during the week has appeared in the farcical comedy, "The Kangaroo Girl" at the Parkhurst. Only the hypercritical could take exception to the impersonation of any of those whose names appear in the programme. Miss May Cross in a charming "confiding" walk while Miss Kate Dudley as Mrs. Firman is delightful as a sweethearts. Miss Elorne Harmon, the Kangaroo Girl, sings very effectively, and is graceful; and Miss Nellie Ganthony, late of the Folly Theatre, makes a capital wife, who yearns for the merry evenings of her unmarried days and makes herself as happy as circumstances will admit. As a diplomatic mother-in-law Miss Patti Bell leaves nothing to be desired. Mr. J. R. Crawford as an easy-going retired physician gave an excellent account of himself, and the same applies to Mr. George Raymond as an irascible and meddlesome father-in-law, while Mr. Edward Morello as George Webster, a brainless susceptible youth about town, kept the house in a state of continuous merriment. Four Little Girls, from the Criterion, will succeed "The Kangaroo Girl" to-morrow.

—Mr. Sydney Aylmer's "A Marriage of Convenience" has delighted the people of Croydon End during the week, and a mere mention of the principal artistes is sufficient to indicate the pleasure in which the large audiences have participated. Miss Mabel Love enacted the role of the Countess de Candale, supported by Miss Florence West as Marston, Mr. Lewis Waller as the Count de Candale, Mr. Charles Goodheart as the General, and Mr. Henry Archibald as the Chevalier were the principal personages of a very strong company, which met and merited the heartiest of receptions. At this house the Original Leopoldi, in the farcical play, "Frivolity," is engaged to-morrow and during the week.—The Royal County, at Kingston-on-Thames, is rapidly approaching completion, and everything promises to be in readiness for the opening ceremony on Oct. 6. Mr. Frank Rothsay, manager of the Borough Opera House, Stratford, has been presented by the students with a very handsome dress-case.—"Two Little Vagabonds" opens upon its second week at the Surrey to-morrow.—At the Britannia, Hoxton, "The Sign of the Cross" is announced.—"Under the Red Robe" will be produced at the Elephant and Castle.—Playgoers at Mile End will have an opportunity of weeping over the misfortunes of "Two Little Vagabonds" at the New Pavilion.—"Under Roman" will be produced at the Theatre Royal, Stratford, and "The Frasner of Zenda" at the Opera House.—Sir Henry Irving will appear at the Metropole, Camberwell, in "The Bells," this being preceded by a "Story of Waterloo," in which Sir Henry will also take part.—At the West London "The Days of Cromwell" will occupy the stage.—Another historical play, "Jane Shore," is announced at the Lyceum, Hammersmith.—The management of the Bristol Theatre has arranged for "The Bellad Singer" for the next 6 nights; and Fred Fujimura, "M. G.," will be the attraction.—A special matinee of "La Poule" by the excellent company which Mr. Lovell is sending into the provinces for a lengthened tour commencing at Brighton to-morrow, was given yesterday afternoon at the Prince of Wales Theatre.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

From a patriotic point of view it is pleasant to note that when Mr. Gillette addressed his fellow countrymen in New York at the conclusion of the first of the resumed performances of "Secret Service," and in grateful terms took occasion to thank English playgoers for their spontaneous reception of his play in London, the whole audience cheered to their hearts content—and to ours as well—at such a welcome proof that even with the broad Atlantic between us blood is thicker than water.—Mr. Willard, before going away to America, there to enter upon his final tour through the States, informed a press interviewer that his return to England would not again tempt him to leave his native land, removal of the carcass and responsibilities of management, it being his intention to devote his whole time and attention to the histrionic, as distinguished from the business part, of his profession. Mr. Willard takes with him for production a dramatisation by Mr. Hall Caine in his new novel, "The Christian," remained in the play "The Physician," and besides this piece, as it is said, a new comedy, from the pen of Mr. L. N. Parker.—Miss Ogle Nethersole has just reappeared, after long absence, at Birmingham in an adaptation of Mr. Clement Scott's "Dame." Sir Henry Irving started his country tour on Monday last, at the elegant new Borough Theatre, Stratford-by-Bow, playing in "A Story of Waterloo" and "The Bells."—On Wednesday "A Night Out" at the Vaudeville, reached its 50th performance, when this diversion and still attractive farce had its cast further strengthened by the inclusion of Miss Phyllis Broughton as the new Marcella.—The 2 country companies sent out by Mr. Charles Abud with "Under the Red Robe" have resumed their several tours after the summer vacation—the North Company at the Fulham Grand Theatre, the South Company at the County Theatre, Reading.

SHAFESBURY.

It may be hoped that by this time the management of the Shafesbury Theatre will have removed many of the extraneous, and strengthened the weak places in their comic opera. There was plenty of room for the prancing knife on Monday night, for it was 11.30 before the curtain fell. When it has undergone some necessary revision, there is no reason why "The Wizard of the Nile" should not be a success during the autumn season. The piece of art, London stamped with the approval of American audiences, and though it is an established platitude that what pleases American taste is not by any means an inevitable success here the demeanour of Monday night's house augurs well for the future of the venture. The story is almost as slight as the neady knife-grinder's. Ptolemy, King of Egypt, has invested his money in the Sahara, as an arable speculation, and offers the hand of his daughter, Cleopatra, to anybody who will cause the Nile to rise and fertilise the desert. His own weather prophet under sentence of death for failing to cause a flood, and though a wandering Persian wizard makes a good start by bringing about the inundation, he soon finds himself in difficulties, because when the sacred river once starts it continues doing so to such good purpose that the Royal Family have to live on the roof of the palace. From this point on, the plot is unblushingly thrown overboard, and the latter half of the piece rambles on without the least pretence of developing, still less of finishing, anything. At the same time it is bright and amusing, and will be still more amusing when Mr. Dallas has cut out at least a fourth of his tooling. The central figure, Miss Adel-Ritchie, is a young American singer, who is thoroughly at home in the character of Cleopatra. She is pretty, graceful, and has a powerful soprano voice, which she makes good use of in several pretty ballads. Her "Dreamland" song in the third act, addressed to one, Antony, is the gem of the evening, and will certainly become popular. Mr.

A Navarino veteran named John Dowges has just died at the age of 89. Dowges, who claimed to be the last survivor, went through the engagement on the war ship Talbot.

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J. J. Dallas keeps the fun going with unflagging zeal, and deserves all the laughter that rewards his efforts. Mr. Harrison Brockbank, who was painfully nervous at first, makes a romantic lover, and has a capital song in the third act with a spirited anvil chorus. Mr. Charles Rock does loyal service as the King, and Miss Amy Augarde's Queen is so good that one regrets that her pleasing voice is not heard in a solo. Mr. Victor Herbert's music is tuneful and lively, and not without humour. The chorus is well trained and attractive, and the staging presents 3 picturesque scenes.

HALLS AND PALACES.

The latest novelties at the Aquarium include the Majolitas, who perform some clever juggling feats, the Ethnological couple of graceful benders, and Miss. Zocchetto, who sings in several languages and executes dances of different nations. An attraction at the Empire just now is Paul Baiton with his performing bears. At the Oxford the notables are Dan Lenio, Peggy Fryde, the White Eyed Kafir, and Miss Billie Barlow. According to the *India*, the financial results of Frey's engagements in the United States and London have enabled the clever quick-change artist to purchase 2 theatres and many acres of landed property in his native land.—Realism up to date is the aim of the management of Madame Tussaud's Exhibition, and it is doubtful if they have ever been more successful than the group depicting Herr Andre and his companions setting out in their balloon for the North Pole. Mr. John Tussaud, the artist, has introduced the minutiae details in his latest tableau. The figure of Andre is a splendid representation of the explorer as is seen by a photograph in the exhibition. For the other two figures Strindberg and Frey, the artist has had to rely upon sketches. The 8 men are shown standing in their balloon car, taking their last look at Dame Island, the gun-boat Sverdrup, and the balloon house. The skilful painting of the scenery gives a strong impression of height. In, around, and above the car are models of everything that the adventurers took, the little metal buoys to throw into the sea as indications of their course, the live carrier pigeons in a cage, the sail with which to steer the balloon, the kegs of provisions, the anchors and the ropes, and, it may be added, on the faces of the men are to be seen the hopes which, it must be feared, will never be realised.

THE MARYLEBONE.

For a comparatively small hall, the present programme is stupendous. The 8th is a quaintest of quaint comedians, Cliff Ryland, is alone worth a visit to hear, his incisive rendering of "There's mischief brewing," a comic gem in its way, whilst his 2 other more well-known efforts, "Nothing to do but die," and "Sing tra, la, la, la," are as popular as ever. Fred Williams and Co. are immensely amusing in "Lady Godiva," and more than any figure than Fred Williams the heroine to find. The Sisters Lloyd give a spirited burlesque of the older Marie's "Never had his ticket punched, afore" and follow with "Ask how Mama got round Father" and "We are looking round the houses." Minnie Duncan gives yet another song on the new photography, following chorus:—

CLIFF RYLAND.
Oh, the new photography is causing lots of fun;
Everybody is wondering just how the thing is done;
Will you photograph your pocket, and the money that plainly shows;
And very soon will photograph the money that you owe.
Mark Anthony, always up to the mark, gives 3 excellent songs of his own composition. "Oh, don't ask me where" is a capital song, Harry Champion is on good terms with the audience, his "Puffing and blowing about" and his dreadful and lively experiences with a pigeon pie are comic to a degree. Amongst others appearing at this hall may be mentioned Rose Mayhew, Harrigan and Holt, Magie Carr, &c. Mr. Frank Rogers cannot be too highly complimented on his energetic management.

THE NEW CLAIMANT.

We are informed that Lady Tichborne, the wife of the present baronet, has gone out to Sydney, starting in July, in order to attend the new trial before the New South Wales Supreme Court in connection with the latest person who is alleged to be the long missing Sir Roger Tichborne. The man, as stated some time ago, is in an asylum, where he is called Cresswell, and the case for the applicant is materially strengthened by the fact that Lady Tichborne (the wife of the present baronet) while in Sydney, in November, 1896, is reported to have remarked on seeing "Cresswell," "Yes, he is exactly like the picture of Sir James"—meaning the father of Sir Roger. Furthermore, there is promised that

HIGHLY IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

will be forthcoming from F. Lanzenzari, now resident at W. Hampstead, who, during the years 1850-51-52, and 53 was on terms of intimate friendship with Sir Roger Tichborne. The pair joined together for some time in Bryanston, and 1853 were re-united at the Metropole, Camberwell, in "The Bells," this being preceded by "A Story of Waterloo," in which Sir Henry will also take part.—At the West London "The Days of Cromwell" will occupy the stage.—Another historical play, "Jane Shore," is announced at the Lyceum, Hammersmith.—The management of the Bristol Theatre has arranged for "The Bellad Singer" for the next 6 nights; and Fred Fujimura, "M. G.," will be the attraction.—A special matinee of "La Poule" by the excellent company which Mr. Lovell is sending into the provinces for a lengthened tour commencing at Brighton to-morrow, was given yesterday afternoon at the Prince of Wales Theatre.

HEROES OF TOCHI.

GALLANT DEEDS OF NATIVE SOLDIERS.

The official report of the treacherous attack made by the tribesmen in the Tochi Valley on the escort of Mr. Gee, the political agent, appears in the "Gazette," and is a deeply interesting document, bearing warm testimony to the valour and steadiness of the handful of troops engaged. The attack was made suddenly, and had been carefully planned, the signal being given at 2 o'clock in the afternoon by a man who was seen to wave a sword from the top of a tower in the rear, in case the latter should make an assault on Marai. Reports received from Col. Richardson's flying column state that the Manzais are disheartened and dispersing. The Afidis Mullah for assistance, saying that otherwise they will not be able to oppose the British. A small party of the 6th Bengal Cavalry has left Kohat for Hangu owing to a report that 5,000 of the enemy intended attacking Ublan or Marai. A force consisting of 200 men of the Rifles and Royal Irish, the 2nd and 30th Punjab, and 50 sabres of the 3rd Bengal Cavalry under Maj. Forester, have left Hangu to attack the Aka Khel Afidis in the rear, in case the latter should make an assault on Marai. Reports received from Col. Richardson's flying column state that the Manzais are disheartened and dispersing. The Afidis were seen, says Reuter, returning from the Khyber with 150 of their dead. They had left 300 more corpses of their fellows in the Pass.

INDIA.

PREPARING FOR THE PUNITIVE EXPEDITION.

OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS.

There is little news from the frontier in India, but what little there is goes to show that the tribesmen are gradually coming in, fearing the result of the inevitable punitive expedition. As trustworthy information as to the strength of the forces which the Indian Government is sending north reaches the tribesmen, they seem more and more disinclined to take the offensive. A correspondent with the troops on the road to Chitral reports that both the Bajaur and Utman-khel tribes are negotiating for peace. There seems now a general disinclination among the tribesmen on the Peshawar and Kohat borders to obey the summons of the mullahs to continue hostilities. The Kurram Valley is absolutely quiet, and the Turki tribesmen are so fully reassured that they have asked to be allowed to attack the Orakzai clans. The

DISSESSION AMONG THE AFRIDI.

is increasing, owing to the stoppage of all the Government allowances paid for keeping open the Khyber. It is thought possible that when the tribesmen learn the size of the force to be employed against them they may elect to make their submission. They are now believed to be awaiting the result of the Mohmand operations. Reuter's account of the attitude of the Afidis is less optimistic. The plan of operations for the Mohmand campaign may be modified later on when the dispositions of the tribesmen are more fully disclosed; but according to present arrangements the Northern and Southern columns, under Sir B. Blood and Maj.-gen. Elles, respectively, should effect junction at Kamali. Kamali will not be found in ordinary maps, but it is a valley situated about 30 miles due north of the British fort of Jamrud, which lies at the entrance of the Khyber Pass. Gen. Sir. W. Lockhart is now in the Suez Canal.

PATRON FIRED ON.

A cavalry patrol from Shabkadar was fired on by the enemy on Wednesday night. It is reported that, in obedience to the exhortation of the mullahs, the Afidis are determined to resist in face of invasion of their country. Gen. Sir B. Blood's Second Brigade, under Gen. Sir Jeffreys, which crossed the Panjkora River, encamped near Kotkai, across the River Jandovl. The brigade will march to Ghazan.

FUNNY STORY.

A RECENTLY HUSBAND SUSPECTED OF BURGLARY AT AN HOTEL.

Henry Hyman Cohen, 48, watchmaker, living in Brand-st., Broadwater, was charged on remand at Marborough-st., before Mr. Hannay, as a suspected person and with being on enclosed premises, namely, the Hotel de Provence, Leicester-sq., supposed for the purpose of committing a felony.—On Aug. 28 prisoner hired a room in the hotel in question, leaving his bag with the porter. Mr. Clark, manager of the hotel, about 2 on the following morning, discovered prisoner creeping about the house in a suspicious manner. He kept observation upon him, and saw him walk up and down the stairs. There was a man outside the house who appeared to be a confederate of accused. Mr. Clark seized prisoner, and, as

HE TRIED TO ESCAPE.

knocked him down. As Cohen made a second attempt to get away, Mr. Clark again knocked him down. When questioned by Mr. Clark, accused admitted having been in prison for 8 years, saying that his last term was 15 months. The bag belonging to Cohen was opened and was found to contain only 2 pairs of iron troussers. P. C. Risley was called to take prisoner into custody, and when he was searched he was found to have 6s. and some coppers in his possession.

LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

The concluding day at Doncaster was a sorry one for backers. With the exception of Winkie one's Pride, on whom a 4 to 1 bet was laid for the Doncaster Cup, every favorite went under. In the first race, St. Casara, who started in good form as second favorite, got home, but after that the bookmakers had it all their own way. Four were backed in real earnest for the Prince of Wales's Nursery, for which King's Messenger, Lord Penzance, and Woodward purchase, was not far inferior, and in the quotations followed by M. D. Kirkfell, the first, second, and third favorite, none of these had anything to do with the finish of the race, which was fought out by The Baker, Foxton, and Lupin, who passed the post in the order written. The winner, after a hard race, was York form, was allowed to start at 100 to 8. In the Facon Hill Stakes, Fortaleo went under to a 6 to 1 chance, and Safety Pin, in the Westmorland Plate, could get no nearer than third to Chin Chin and The Guide, both of whom started at 7 to 1.

Next week we shall have racing in the North at Ayr, in the South at Lingfield, and Yarmouth in the East at Warwick in the Middle. The entries are as follows:—

Wednesday (Monday): Leamington Handicap; Caversham; Spa Walter, St. Regulus; Kealworth Plate; Leoboden; Chelmsford Plate; Fanny Burney; Emcote Plate; Beryl; (Tuesday): Warwick Handicap; Gold Cup; Wellsbourne Nursery; Sunbeam; Bells Plate; Members Plate; Pepperton; Stoneleigh Plate; Bells.

Ayr.—(Wednesday): Stewards' Plate; Sigma; Autumn Stakes; Advance; Corinthian Walter; Rowanberry. (Thursday): Juvenile Handicap; Record Handicap; Land Rover; Royal Plate; Spa Walter; Mignon. (Friday): Gold Cup; Japannart or Athel; Land of Burns Handicap; Little Red Hat; Arran Walter; Full of Fashion.

Great Yarmouth.—(Wednesday): Maiden Two-year-old Plate; Myotis; Great Yarmouth Two-year-old Plate; Harebeach; Norfolk's best; Nansen Plate; Harebeach; Norfolk and Suffolk Handicap; Kopoly; Hastings Nursery; Chubb. (Thursday): Gorleston Two-year-old Plate; Delicacy; Great Yarmouth Walter; Sunbeam; Yare Handicap; The Dower; Mile Selling Handicap; Toreador; Corporation Maiden Plate; Ramelton Lassie; Bells.

Lingfield.—(Friday): Partridge Handicap; Horncup; Crowthorne Nursery; Kitty Grey; Club Open Walter; Marton; Brasted High-weight Handicap; Mount Prospect; Two Miles Selling Handicap; Demetrios; Two Miles Selling Handicap; Kopita. (Saturday): Cottenham Nursery; York; Cottenham; Juvenile Handicap; Proportion; Stubbins Handicap; Esther Clarke; Moderate Plate; East Gallic.

The Cessarewitch and Cambridgeshire Handicaps will not be a lengthy discussion yet. Let us for mercy's sake, wait another week. There is money for Garter and Sunbeam, and there will be money for Lingfield, Hatton, and others before the long-distance race is lost and won. The Cambridgeshire is still an unknown quantity.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

KEMPTON PARK SEPTEMBER MEETING.

THE REGULATION PLATE OF 100 SOVS. 1 MILE.

Mr. Gray's Tight Ropes, 6yrs, set 11b. Lord Ellsmere's Rockdale, 5yrs, set 6b. Mr. W. S. Bibby's Westchester, 6yrs, set 11b. Allopp 3.

Winner trained privately.

Also ran: Rugby Cement (Wood), Arletta (Cader), and Feather Stich (Sharples). Betting: Evans Westchester, 5 to 1 against Arletta, 11 to 2 against Rugby Cement, 10 to 1 against Rockdale, and 20 to 1 against any other. Won by 2 lengths, a half length separated second and third.

The WATERLOO SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP OF 100 SOVS. 5 furlongs.

Mr. J. T. Wood's Cretan Belle, 7m, set 11b. Lord Ellsmere's Rockdale, 5yrs, set 11b. Mr. W. A. Jarvis's Black Poppy, set 11b. Mr. W. G. Stevens's Eat Sacre, colt, set 12b. Mr. C. D. Rose's The Convict, set 11b. Mr. T. Sherwood's Stream of Gold, 7st 11b. Rumbold 3.

Winner trained by Watson.

Also ran: Hands Off (M. Cannon), Hazel-hush colt (Ricky), The Kirk (Madden), Armenia (Cader), Quadruped (S. Loxton), Connie's Pet (Allsopp), Mrs. Boast (F. S. Chandy), Plaintiff (N. Robinson), Hartforth (Terrel), Tip (Sconce), Oceans (F. Leader), Court Rose (Jenkins), Rigaudon (H. Jones), Princess of Wales (Chapman), and Gold Cup (H. Jones). Betting: 10 to 1 against Rockdale, 8 to 1 against The Convict, 10 to 12 against Sir Goffrey, 10 to 1 against The Convict, 10 to 8 against Stream of Gold, Cuthenden, and Rignan, 100 to 7 against Bonnies, Doon, Oceans, Winsome Charter, 100 to 6 against Plaintiff and Princess of Wales, 100 to 20 against The Convict, 100 to 1 against a head; 2 lengths separated second and third.

The KEMPTON PARK SEPTEMBER NURSERY HANDICAP OF 50 SOVS. 5 furlongs.

Mr. C. D. Rose's The Convict, set 11b. Mr. W. B. Pursey's Prowess, set 11b. Mr. T. Sherwood's Stream of Gold, 7st 11b. Rumbold 3.

Winner trained by Jarvis.

Also ran: Shire Tuesday (Dalton), Weybridge (Gunny), Early (Allsopp), Winsome Charter (F. Leader), Cressdon (T. Loxton), Sir Goffrey (Finlay), Bonnie Doon (S. Chandy), Plaintiff (N. Robinson), Hartforth (Terrel), Tip (Sconce), Oceans (F. Leader), Court Rose (Jenkins), Rigaudon (H. Jones), Princess of Wales (Chapman), and Gold Cup (H. Jones). Betting: 10 to 1 against Rockdale, 8 to 1 against Frisson, 10 to 1 against The Nipper and Hamptonwick, 100 to 8 against Chelmsford and East Gallic, 100 to 6 against Amherst, and 20 to 1 against any other. Won by a neck; 6 lengths separated second and third.

The SUNBURY SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP OF 50 SOVS. 5 furlongs.

Mr. J. T. Wood's Cretan Belle, 7m, set 11b. Lord Ellsmere's Rockdale, 5yrs, set 11b. Mr. W. G. Stevens's Eat Sacre, colt, set 12b. Mr. C. D. Rose's The Convict, set 11b. Mr. T. Sherwood's Stream of Gold, 7st 11b. Rumbold 3.

Winner trained by Watson.

Also ran: Chelmsford (Ricky), Villiers (Madden), Fritchford (A. White), Red Cottontail (Cader), East Gallic, Wood, Red Cottontail (F. Leader), Frisbee (S. Loxton), Tangletail (T. Loxton), Queen of the Plains (Finlay), Strossnall (Allsopp), Coffey Conner (R. Leader), Lyckham (Chandy), Lexicon (H. Jones), Hamptonwick (Robinson), and Banty Bay (H. Luke, jun.). Betting: 10 to 1 against Rockdale, 8 to 1 against Frisson, 10 to 1 against The Nipper and Hamptonwick, 100 to 8 against Chelmsford and East Gallic, 100 to 6 against Amherst, and 20 to 1 against any other. Won by a neck; 6 lengths separated second and third.

The GREAT SALE PLATE (Handicap) of 1,000 sovs, by subscription of 5 sovs each. 1 mile.

Mr. Jersey's Amherst, 4yrs, set 6b.

Prince Soltykoff's The Nipper, 6yrs, set 6b. Mr. C. D. Rose's The Convict, set 11b.

Mr. W. B. Pursey's Prowess, set 11b. Mr. T. Sherwood's Stream of Gold, 7st 11b. Rumbold 3.

Winner trained by Webb.

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The WANDSWORTH ALL-AGED SELLING PLATE of 200 sovs. 5 furlongs, on the Straight Course.

Maj. C. Lambton's Weeping Willow, 4yrs, set 11b. Mr. W. Bateman's Trice filly, 3yrs, set 11b. Mr. W. Chatterton's Grasp, aged, set 6b. Weldon 3.

Winner trained by Sherwin.

Also ran: Yards (Cader), Meant (M. Cannon), Teleions (Allsopp), Moss Hag (Sharples), Guardian (H. Toot), Private (Madden), Magnate (T. Loxton), Star of Peace (Chapman), Captain of the Boats (Dalton), Peacock (F. Leader), and Major (M. Cannon). Betting: 10 to 1 against Rockdale, 100 to 12 against Yards, Melanic, and Prindiv, 10 to 1 against Teleions and Star of Peace, 100 to 8 against Moss Hag, Guardian, and Magnate, and 10 to 7 against any other. Won by a short head; 3 lengths separated second and third.

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TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

When the Amer is dead—he is in the most robust health just at present; when Russia is south of the Oxus—which she is not yet; and when we have been well beaten on the Indian frontier—as to which Lord Roberts might have a word or two to say—then, will take her revenge for all our rudeness. She will then part in all the arrangements which will follow the war, and not in England's interest.

Herbert Jones was committed for trial at Coventry for burglary. After breaking into a brazier shop he unscrewed all the machinery, and absolutely wrecked a gas engine.

Work will be re-started at the Swansea Tinplate Co.'s works Cwmbranforth with amicable terms having been arranged between employers and men.

The two young men drowned while bathing at Bournemouth were identified as John Barnard, Peverelle, assistant surveyor, Coventry, and Eugene Peverelle, a younger brother. Rev. J. Hill, of Folkestone, died suddenly while spending his holidays with his family at Bryn Penyfan, near Buxton. He was found dying in the bath-room.

It certainly looks as though the Germans were determined to keep the Turks in Thessaly "till the cows come home." No sooner is a practicable arrangement for establishing peace and getting them out half concluded, than the German Ambassador raises some new point, and all the diplomatic work has to be done over again. It is becoming absurd for any self-respecting Power to continue these futile negotiations, and I hope that, if this game goes on much longer, Lord Salisbury will withdraw, and let the world see where the responsibility for all this delay really lies. If Germany likes to proclaim herself the persecutor of Greece, and the enemy of all Christians in the East, let her. But don't let us be saddled with any part of the blame.

The capture of Victoria de las Tunas is a real blow for the Spaniards in Cuba, because it will very likely lead to the insurgents being recognised as belligerents by the Government of the United States. People are talking a great deal about a possible war between Spain and America over this business, but I don't believe in it. The States don't want to fight, and certainly won't fight in order to make the fortunes of the few Americans who live in Havana or are engaged in the Cuban trade. It's not business. For all their sentimentalities, the Yanks are pretty shrewd when it comes to the actual point of spending men and money. They are not in the least likely to do so unless they see a very clear and definite profit in front of them.

There seems to be every prospect of another Carlist outbreak in Spain, as Don Carlos has apparently convinced himself that the people can't do without him any longer. There never was a Pretender yet who didn't believe, or affect to believe, the same thing; and they always make their attempt for the good of the people, never for their own. It is a beautiful theory, but it really won't wash. Poor Spain is pretty well distracted already with what she has gone through, and a real patriot—whether he was a Pretender or policeman—would do nothing to add to her embarrassments. If the people want Don Carlos, they will call for him fast enough. Let him wait until they do, and he will gain the name of being a great patriot who sacrificed a splendid position for his country's welfare.

By the death of Mr. R. H. Hutton the country is the poorer by the loss of a man who only wanted the gift of self-advertisement to be regarded as very great indeed. Very few men have exercised a greater influence upon their day and generation than Mr. Hutton. The reason is not far to seek. To a most acute and penetrating intellect he added a firm conviction that, in politics, as in everything else, one ought to prefer the right to the expedient. It was a principle from which he never consciously deviated during a long and active life. He would never push himself forward, and many of those who have in fact been most influenced by his teaching scarcely know his name.

Sir Walter Gilby—than whom no one has a better right to speak on the subject—makes an appeal to the clergy and ministry of all denominations to devote a portion of their Harvest Festival collection to the Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution. The main object of this excellent society is to assist the farmer who, in his declining years, has come to the ground through no fault of his own. Such cases are many, some of them are terribly distressing, and the funds of the institution are subject to a constant drain. Any person who is in doubt as to where to put his harvest offering might do much worse than send it to the secretary, Mr. C. B. Shaw, 22, Charles-st., St. James's.

The movement for getting the Jews back to Jerusalem will not succeed. To begin with, there are precious few Jews who, whatever sentimental feelings they may have about the land which their race once possessed, would at all like to live in the Palestine of the nineteenth century. More than all they are not now pastoral people, and how folk who don't care about farming of any sort could live in Palestine I don't know. By taking in one another's washing, I suppose. One of the most enthusiastic supporters of the idea of restoring the Jews to the Holy Land called once upon a great Jew—a very great Jew indeed—and tried to inoculate him with the notion. "My friend," said the great Jew, "which would you rather be—King of the Jews in Jerusalem, or Jew of the Kings in London?"

Mr. Kruger is not going to withdraw from re-nomination to the Presidency of the Transvaal. I never thought he would. He is one of those people who know how to make politics pay, and pay to some tune, and he is not the least likely to cease to be President so long as the pickings in office are so very superior to the pen-out of it. If the Boers want to get rid of Oom Paul they will have to offer a good deal more than £2,000 a year for him to retire upon. The old gentleman has a wonderful fondness for money, and the place he now occupies is remarkably well-adapted for the gratification of that particular instinct. It is a fine thing to be a poor President in a country which thinks of gold.

LATEST ELECTRIC FLASHES.

HOME.

The Sheffield police arrested a man named Joseph Wilson on a charge of drunkenness. He was locked up and found dead in the cells.

Patrick Luby, collier, 30, whilst working in Ladyshore Colliery, Little Lever, near Bolton, was buried under a fall of roof, sustaining fatal internal injuries. Verdict, accidental death.

Herbert Jones was committed for trial at Coventry for burglary. After breaking into a brazier shop he unscrewed all the machinery, and absolutely wrecked a gas engine.

Work will be re-started at the Swan-

sea Tinplate Co.'s works Cwmbran-

forth with amicable terms having

been arranged between employers and

men.

The two young men drowned while bathing at Bournemouth were identified as John Barnard, Peverelle, assistant surveyor, Coventry, and Eugene Peverelle, a younger brother.

Rev. J. Hill, of Folkestone, died suddenly while spending his holidays with his family at Bryn Penyfan, near Buxton. He was found dying in the bath-room.

William Bodin, of Birmingham, canal wharf keeper, committed suicide at Netherthorn, near Dudley, by hanging himself in broughs, after being bitten by a dog. Verdict, suicide during temporary insanity.

One of the locked-out engineers at

Leeds, who, a fortnight ago, was com-

mitted for 14 days for intimidation, was released from Armley Gaol yester-

day. He was met at the prison gates by a large crowd, and warmly welcomed.

Harry Aspin, 13, pleaded guilty at

Scarborough to embezzling £1 lls.

He was paid by a customer, and bolted to Beverley, where he confessed his guilt to a railway porter, and was handed over to the police.—Boden.

The Rochdale Coronet held an in-

quest on a carter named Jones, who,

when driving 2 horses over Blackstone Edge, a steep hill dividing Yorkshire and Lancashire, was thrown to the ground, sustaining fatal injuries. Verdict, accidental death.

A fully laden coal train was running into Sunderland from Letton Colliery when the bottom of the wagon imme-

diately behind the engine fell out, and 5 or 6 wagons behind were

smashed. The engine was suddenly pulled up, and the driver and fireman had narrow escapes.

The Radical agent at Leicester ob- jected to John Kirkwood, the well-known money lender, being on the list for the borough, as he lived in France and had no residence in the town. Kirkwood did not appear to support his claim, and the Reviving Barrister struck out his name.

At the conclusion of the match, Newport v. Shrewsbury, at Shrews- bury, the players were being conveyed from the field in a waggonette when the front wheel broke, and the vehicle upset. Knight, the full back, and Walker, the centre forward, were badly bruised.

Mary Jones, widow, was charged at

Pontefract with stealing coal, value £3, the property of the Acton Hall Colliery Co., from a pit heap. Prose- cutors stated that the proceedings were taken solely to protect the thieves themselves, as they ran a great risk of injury. Costs ordered to be paid.

Richard Wood, described as a Billingsgate porter, was charged with stealing a watch from Theophilus Gars. Prosecutor was on the stand at the races when he felt his pocket being picked. Porter booted, but prosecutor overtook him. He demanded his watch, which was returned. One month.

FOREIGN.

An Italian warship has been ordered to Totsan in connection with the piratical attacks of the Riffs.—REUTER.

The King of Siam arrived in Paris yesterday, and was met by M. Faure. His reception was most enthusiastic.

The Emperor of China has con- firmed upon M. Faure the Grand Cross of the Order of the Double Dragon.

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AMERICAN MARKETS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

New York, Sept. 11.—Cotton closed weak, 10 to 12 chanc. Flax weak. Corn weak. 10 to 12 chanc. Sugar weak. Coffee steady, 20 to 25 points advance. Cotton steady, 10 points decline. Sugar firm. Tea quiet. Cop- per at Chicago: Wheat closed weak, with new months 14s and May 14s. low. Corn steady. 10 to 12 chanc. Cotton weak, 13s to 20s. Ribs weak. Bacon 12s to 20s. Eggs weak.

New York, Sept. 11.—Call Money, United States Government Bonds, 11s to 2 per cent.

Exchange on London, 1s. 6d. Exchange on Paris, 6s. Days' Sight, 5s. 6d. Ditto Berlin, 6s. 6d. Four per Cent. United States Funded Loan Registered Bonds, 11s 3d; Western United Telegraph, 6s 6d; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe, 15s; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Four per Cent. Bonds, 15s; Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Second and Mortgage Bonds, A. 35; Baltimore and Ohio, 18s; Baltimore and Ohio, 8s. 8d; Four and a Half per Cent., at Baltimore, A. 35; Canada Southern, 5s 2d; Canadian Pacific, 7s 1d; Central of New Jersey, 9s 7d; Central Pacific, 13s; Chesapeake and Ohio, 10s; Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul, 10s; Chicago, Rock Island, and Pacific, 9s 4d; Cleve- land, Cincinnati, Chicago, and St. Louis, 10s; Dela- ware, Lackawanna, and Western, 10s; Delaware, 10s; Michigan Central, 10s; Louisville and Nashville, 6s; Michigan Central, 10s; Missouri, Kansas, and Texas, 15s; Mississippi, 10s; New York, Lake Erie, and Western Preference, —; New York, Lake Erie, and Western 2nd Mortgage Bonds, —; New York Central and Hudson River, 11s 2d; New York and New England, —; New York, Ontario, and Western, —; New York, Pacific, and Western Preferred, 4s 4d; Ohio and Mississippi, —; Pennsylvania, Shares, at Philadel- phia, 57s; Philadelphia and Reading, 27s; Southern Railway, 12s; Southern Railway Pre- ferred, 37s; Union Pacific, 19s; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Common, 8s; Wabash, St. Louis, and Pacific Preferred, 20s; Manhattan Elevated, 11s.

The Bingley ranges, the annual prize meeting of the members of G. Co. of the Midland Rides, was held under the Queen's first stage conditions, and the highest total was that compiled by Pte. Barnes, 22.

[Other details will be found on p. 6.

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STABBED TO THE HEART IN HAMPSTEAD-ROAD.

AN ARREST.

Another terrible murder occurred late last night in London, the locale this time being close to the Hampstead-rod, one more tragedy being thus added to the fearful list of those recorded this week in the North-western districts of the metropolis. At present few details are to hand, but it appears that at half-past 11, or thereabout, a lad named Frederick Smith, of 29, Tottenham-st., Tottenham Court-rod., was walking with a companion along Cardigan-rod., Hampstead-rod., when an elderly man, respectably dressed, who had been walking in front of them, suddenly turned round, and demanded to know why they were following him. What next ensued is not exactly clear, but, according to the story of Smith's companion, an alteration arose, in the course of which the stranger drew a knife and plunged it into the unfortunate victim's heart. Smith

fell without a groan, dead, and the murderer made off. The victim's friend, however, followed on the track, and, meeting a constable, gave into custody a man whom he pointed out, with the remark, "That's the man that did it," or words to that effect. This man was taken to Albany Police Station and detained, but it is only right to say that up to the present he has not been formally charged with the murder, and that the only evidence against him is that of the lad who was with Smith. The accused is an elderly man, in a very respectable position, and absolutely denies all connection with the crime. It is therefore only fair to withhold the name of the man in custody, who surrendered when challenged with the least hesitation.

The lad who was with Smith, however, maintains the truth of his story. Det.-insp. Rowan, who is in charge of the case, informed a "People" reporter this morning that it was impossible to advance any theory as to the crime until inquiries had been completed, but confirmed the facts as given above. It may be added that subsequently

A KNIFE WAS PICKED UP near the scene of the tragedy, and handed to the police, who, however, cannot say whether this was the weapon with which the dead was committed or not. No motive can be suggested at present for the murder, unless it was that the man who struck the fatal blow feared that he was being followed for some evil purpose, lest his head, and struck the blow, as he imagined in self-defence. The murdered man was only about 20 years of age, and was, it is said, employed in the coal depot at King's Cross. The tragedy created a most painful sensation in the crowded thoroughfares at the time, and the tragic suddenness with which it was completed lent added horror to the scene.

THE INDIAN FRONTIER.

A Reuter's telegram from Peshawar, dated yesterday, says the advance of the column, under Gen. Elles, which is to move forward from Shabakadr, with the ultimate object of joining Gen. Sir Bindon Blood's force coming from Nawagai, in the north, has been postponed for 48 hours. It is understood that the delay is prompted by political reasons.

The Afghans are reported to Simla to be collecting in the Bazar Valley, with the intention of attacking Bora or Jamrud. The Isa Khel and Bora Khel tribes are calling upon the Hadda Mullah for assistance, saying that otherwise they will not be able to oppose the British. A small party of the 6th Bengal Cavalry has left Kohat for Hangu owing to a report that 5,000 of the enemy intended attacking Uljan or Marai. A force consisting of 200 men of the Rifles and Royal Irish, the 2nd and 30th Punjaub Infantry, and 50 sabres of the 3rd Bengal Cavalry, under Maj. Forrester, left Hangu on Thursday night to attack the Akka Khel Afghans in the rear in case the latter should make an assault on Marai. The Afghans were 150 of men, and the British force 100.

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LYCEUM THEATRE LAST NIGHT.

Since Mr. Forbes Robertson made his highest and most distinguishing mark as Buckingham in the memorable Lyceum revival of Shakespeare's "Henry VIII.," no individual histrionic impersonation has been generally wished for, asked for, and looked forward to with such deep and hopeful interest and expectation as the same eloquent actor's assumption of "Hamlet." With such a beauteous from all sorts and conditions of playgoers the long-desired "Hamlet" was bound by the commanding force of popular demand to come in due time, and come it did last night on the same stage as the Buckingham, gracefully entered for an autumn and early winter season to his accomplished brother-player by Sir Henry Irving. And it is a peculiar duty to state that the high anticipation incited by the promised embodiment and exposition of the Danish Prince was fully justified by the result. Without the slightest straining after effect by means of original readings or startling theatrical surprises, whether of scenery or

action; and it was finally acclaimed as a welcome success, notably as regards its chief interpreter by vociferous and long-lasting plaudits and recalls. These Mr. Robertson, imperturbable as a speech, acknowledged in words fit, though few, of sincere gratitude.

THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE VOLUNTEERS YESTERDAY.

On the Ilford rifle ranges the Holmes Challenge Cup was competed for by teams representing the 4th V.B. Essex Regt. and the 1st and 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifles, the conditions being that each team should consist of 10 efficient members from each corps, and 7 rounds to be fired at 200, 300, and 600yds. A. 1. H. T. Blackstaffe, V.R.C., scratch, 3. Bailey and Malmont had it all to themselves till about 11.30, when the others found a large and let the others. Bailey won by half-lengths, with Beresford 2 lengths off.

Invitation Scratch Eight (Chickwick Church and Hammersmith Bridge)—G. Bailey, K.R.C., 100yds start, 1; J. Beresford, K.R.C., 100yds; H. T. Blackstaffe, V.R.C., (stroke), 3. Bailey and Malmont had it all to themselves till about 11.30, when the others found a large and let the others. Bailey won by half-lengths, with Beresford 2 lengths off.

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TURF, FIELD, AND RIVER.
BY LARRY LYNN.

Readers of this article should remember that the opinions and suggestions of the heroes are given under the guarantee of the "People's" responsibility. All bets on minor contests are made subject to the discretion of the editor, and any reader who has a bet on the publication of this article should happen in time to prevent it from being made good with the hero which affects the opinion held of him by "Larry Lynn" prior to going to bed.

No fault could be found with the opening day at Doncaster, the weather being marked improvement on that experienced at Derby and Sandown Park. The attendance was good, and sport far exceeded the average. The Great Yorkshire Handicap produced a field of 9, and easily the best was the "People's" hero, Wild Fowler, a handsome Gallinule colt, belonging to Capt. Greer, followed in the footsteps of his illustrious stable companion, Wild Rover, and won the Plate in three-quarters of a mile in the hands of Charlie Wood he easily defeated St. Ia and Tears of Joy. The stock of this Irish stallion are doing well, for the first event on the card was captured by one of his sons—Mount Prospect, trained by Robinson, who got home ahead from Sulky and his two opponents, winning the shilly Miss Frees. In the Scarborough Stake St. Ia, whom the Newmarket tout reported as having broken a blood-vessel a few days ago, made small beer of the well-backed Foston, as also did Phaeus Apollo of Dinnia Forges in the Alexandra Plate. Still, the Plate was won by a colt of 2, and the best of the competitors were quoted in the market at 9 to 11 to 12. 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HOTEL MYSTERY. PRISONER AGAIN AT THE POLICE COURT.

INQUEST AND VERDICT.
Mr. Kennedy, at Clerkenwell, again had before him the case of Clement Scott Stormonth, who is charged with the murder of Sarah Jane McLean by administering laudanum to her at a private hotel in Guilford-st., and also with attempting to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Mr. Frayling prosecuted. It was agreed by the parties that the case, after the hearing of witness, should be adjourned till after the decision of the coroner's jury. A brother of deceased, a short-hand writer, named W. McLean, identified a photograph as that of his sister, whom he last saw 2 years ago at Coleraine. He believed that she was single.—Adjourned.

THE INQUIRY RESUMED.

The inquest was resumed at St. Pancras. Stormonth was present in court, and was legally represented by Mr. Cudby. The brother of deceased, Thomas William McLean of Liverpool, who gave evidence at the police court, was the first witness called, and, after repeating his former statement, he added that his sister was last employed by his knowledge as manageress of Coronation Arms Hotel, Coleraine. Witness was not aware that she was in London. He heard from her in December, 1885, but she had written since then to other members of the family, the last time being in February of the present year. Witness knew a man named Stormonth, not very well, but casually. The letter which said that "as they had failed to mend it together, they would end it together," was in Stormonth's handwriting.—An answer to Mr. Cudby, witness stated that he had not seen Stormonth's writing since 2 years ago, when he saw it at the Coleraine Gas Works. Although he had not received any letters from that on or about Aug. 27 last he received a telegram with her name attached to it. He could not say that the telegram came from her; he thought that it did not, and he replied to it.

EVIDENCE OF THE LANDLORD.

John William Turner, landlord of the private hotel at which the death occurred, recognised a photograph produced as that of the dead woman.

He was a temperance hotel, and witness never went to it for intoxicants nor allowed them in the house.

On the night of the discovery of the death he found an empty whisky bottle in deceased woman's room.—Gedwin Skinner, chemist, of Southampton—row, Bloomsbury, deposed that deceased called at his shop a fortnight ago, and asked for laudanum, which he had known prisoner, who married her sister. Her sister died in 1872, and then he married Mrs. Robertson. Witness afterwards was appointed guardian to the son, and then lived with prisoner. The latter told her he had been put out his lawful wife and inform her of his proceedings.

SAYED IN REPLY.—"NANCY."

and meant to make her his lawful wife, and not caring what the law might be. There might be some doubt about proving prisoner knew his first wife was alive, to whom he had been married.

He had been found.—Albert Sayer, clerk to the Registrar of West Ham, produced the register of marriages in 1876.

In it there was an entry of the marriage between George B. Heckford and Anne Louise Robertson.—Miss Franklin said she had known prisoner, who married her sister. Her sister died in 1872, and then he married Mrs. Robertson. Witness afterwards was appointed guardian to the son, and then lived with prisoner. The latter told her he had been put out his lawful wife and inform her of his proceedings.

MARRIED A SECOND TIME.

THREATENED THE SISTER HE HAD CRUELLY WRONGED.

Frederick Deeds, 27, billiard marker, was prosecuted at Clerkenwell Sessions by Mr. Morgan for stealing a quantity of articles, of the value of £6, belonging to his sister, Charlotte Deeds, living in Little Titchfield-st., Tottenham Court-nd.—He was released from prison, after undergoing a sentence of 18 months' hard labour. Deeds called on his sister at her place. He asked for £5, and not receiving it, visited the house a few days later and cleared her room of a great many articles she had been collecting in preparation for her wedding. Prisoner burst the door open, and

TOOK THE ARTICLES AWAY.

The landlady interceded, but prisoner soon silenced her by repeated threats as to what he would do with a carving-knife he held in his hand, which he had ripped up 2 pretty oil-cloths belonging to his sister.

The deputy chairman sentenced him to penal servitude for 3 years.—Turning in the direction in which his sister stood, Deeds exclaimed, "I'll kill you, I will," and down the hill stairs he ran.—But his lordship had him brought back by Warder Cook, and inflicted the additional punishment of 2 weeks' police supervision for his threat.

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SATURDAY'S SPORTS
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LEAGUE MATCHES—FIRST DIVISION.

NOTTS COUNTY v. ASTON VILLA. At Trent Bridge, Notts County played well instead of Langham, but the latter had their full team out, and Aston Villa were beaten by their best players. The visitors lost in fine form, and with 5 minutes of the start John Cowan scored for them. However, the home side equalised on the 10th minute, and then came a hard struggle for supremacy, the form in front of goal was poor, but Russell kept his goal intact. The visitors pressed in the second half, and scored a goal in the 10th minute, but Russell equalised. Villa then scored a goal in the 15th minute, and 15 minutes from the start a well-placed free kick from Tonks, taken by Astons, sent the ball through the Lincoln goal, of White's head. For the next 10 minutes the ball was never far from the Lincoln goal, but the shooting and combination of the home side had maters entirely in their own hands, and Dartford's defence was sorely taxed, but Russell kept his goal intact. The visitors pressed in the second half, and scored 6 occasions. Result: Dartford, 4; R.E.T.B., 0.

KENT SHIELD. Faversham (A), v. Herne Bay.—Played on the ground of the latter in Herne Bay, and resulted in an easy win for Faversham by 3 to 0.

WEST MIDDESEX LEAGUE.

SOUTHALL RESERVE v. COWLEY.—At Southall, the result being a victory for the home club.

NOTTS COUNTY v. ASTON VILLA.

MIDLAND LEAGUE.

At Derby, Both teams had done well in the previous matches, and considered the interest attached to the meeting. Burton played a Division one of J. Bell, while Underwood remained in the Derby side. Winning the toss the Derby County men gave a display in the first half, and succeeded in establishing a home lead. In 10 minutes from the start Burton scored the first goal for the home side, and with the Burton keeper temporarily disabled, Derby increased their advantage. John Goodall headed a second point, and Bell gained another goal, and at the interval Derby County led 3 to 0.

In the second half, Burton still further handicapped, for though their keeper returned he was very lame, and Storrier was injured, and had to retire from the game altogether. In the face of this disaster the Burton players, but could not prevent their opponents from taking the lead. Bloomer scored 2 more goals, on each occasion the ball striking the post and going through. Just before the end Everton attacked, and Divers scored, so that Derby County's victory was 5 to 1.

SHEPPARD UNITED v. GRAVESEND UNITED.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.

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